

**MINUTES OF THE  
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROOM 405, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING  
February 19, 2003**

MEMBERS PRESENT:      Rep. James A. Ferrin, Chair  
                                 Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Vice Chair  
                                 Rep. Doug Aagard  
                                 Rep. Ron Bigelow  
                                 Rep. DeMar "Bud" Bowman  
                                 Rep. Don E. Bush  
                                 Rep. Neil A. Hansen  
                                 Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson  
                                 Rep. Rosalind J. McGee  
                                 Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold  
                                 Rep. Loraine T. Pace

STAFF PRESENT:              John Cannon, Policy Analyst  
                                 John Fellows, Associate General Counsel  
                                 Sylvia Newton, Committee Secretary

VISITORS:                      List filed with committee minutes.

Rep. Ferrin called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

MOTION:      Rep. Bowman moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2003 meeting.  
                                 The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bigelow, Rep. Bush, Rep. Hendrickson,  
                                 and Rep. Hutchings absent for the vote.

**S.B. 28S1      Initiative Amendments (*J. Hickman*)**

Sen. Hickman introduced S.B. 28 and explained it to the committee.

Spoke in opposition to the bill:      Ira Sachs, citizen  
   Cassie Dippo, Common Cause of Utah

Spoke in favor of the bill:      Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau

MOTION:      Rep. Bowman moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed  
                                 unanimously with Rep. Bigelow, Rep. McGee, and Rep. Hutchings absent for the  
                                 vote.

**H.B. 71              State Spending Limitation Amendments (*G. Hughes*)**

Rep. Hughes introduced H.B. 71 and explained it to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to delete in title and body H.B. 71 and replace it with 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute H.B. 71, State Appropriations and Tax Limitation Study. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bigelow, Rep. McGee, and Rep. Hutchings absent for the vote.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Mike Jerman, Utah Taxpayers Association

Spoke to the bill: Lynne Ward, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Rep. Ferrin relinquished the chair to Rep. Hutchings.

MOTION: Rep. Aagard moved to recommend H.B. 71 for interim study. The motion passed with Rep. Hendrickson voting in opposition to the motion and Rep. Ferrin absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Pace moved to return H.B. 71 to the Rules Committee. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Ferrin absent for the vote.

**H.B. 131 Governmental Immunity Amendments (*J. Biskupski*)**

Rep. Ferrin explained previously that Rep. Biskupski had requested that H.B. 131 be returned to the Rules Committee.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to return H.B. 131 to the Rules Committee. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Ferrin absent for the vote.

**H.B. 342 Presidential Primary Amendments (*M. S. Lawrence*)**

Rep. Lawrence introduced H.B. 342 and explained it to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Hendrickson voting in opposition to the motion. Rep. Bigelow, Rep. Bowman, and Rep. Ferrin were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Bush moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bigelow, Rep. Bowman, and Rep. Ferrin absent for the vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.